

REMARKS

Applicants have studied the Office Action dated July 6, 2005. Claims 19-21 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants provisionally elect for continued prosecution of the Group II claims (i.e., claims 1-17) drawn to a method on an end-user-system to prevent an unauthorized recording of multimedia content as a result of rendering at least part of the multimedia content. Thus, Applicants request examination of claims 1-17.

Regarding claim 18, the Examiner has not placed claim 18 in either Group I (i.e., claims 19-21) or Group II (i.e., claims 1-17). Because claim 18 as originally filed is a computer program product that recites elements identical to method claim 9 of Group II, claim 18 should be included in Group II. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request examination of claim 18 as well as part of Group II (i.e. claims 1-17).

Further, claims 2-9 and 11-18 have been amended to place the claims in a better condition for examination. Applicants believe these amendments serve a useful clarification purpose and are desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

Moreover, to advance the prosecution of the application, claims 19-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application with respect to these claims at a later date.

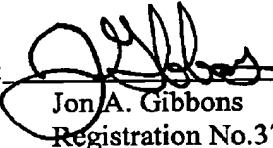
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to direct future correspondence regarding this application to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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